

**WEYMOUTH HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Weymouth Town Hall**  
**75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA**

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**March 19, 2019**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

James Clarke, Chairman  
Ed Walker  
Mark Schneider  
Jenn Weiss-Donovan  
Cathy Torrey, Vice Chairman  
Mike Murphy

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Eric Schneider, Principal Planner

Chairman Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

**MIKE MURPHY – BOOK**

Mike showed the commission his recently completed book on the 12<sup>th</sup> MASS REGIMENT WAR to – 1864.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Walker made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of December 11, 2018. Mr. Murphy SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Chairman Clarke is looking for minutes from Ed Walker for March and May of 2018.

**UPDATES**

**PRATT HOUSE**

Chairman Clarke stated he spoke with Jim Bristol and Ken Ryder; both are committed to moving the house. As of right now he cannot give a time frame for moving the house. Mr. Walker asked will the developers take the granite foundation with them when they move the house, as it dates the house. Mr. Schneider will ask the developers.

**STAFF REPORT**

46 Union Street

*members killed in the melee as documented by Weymouth historians Jack Frost and G. Stinson Lord in "Two Forts to Destiny." It is believed the actual site of the Weston Colony was on a glacial esker (per Ted Clarke, former chair of your commission) called Hunt's Hill at the far edge of King's Cove. The site was removed for a South Boston construction project. The park on Sea Street, built at the urging of the Weymouth Historical Society, seems to be serving as an unofficial sand-in representing the Weston settlement. The park is located immediately adjacent to the Indian burial ground. Remains were reburied in North Weymouth cemetery.*

*My personal preference is for a plaque located in the Sea Street park commemorating the burial ground for the Massachusetts natives who dies in the struggle with Myles Standish, while noting that the actual blockade site is now under water about one-quarter mile away.*

*I have written articles about the Weston Colony and the Massachusetts tribe for the Quincy Patriot-Ledger and my blog Inside Weymouth (insideweymouth.com).*

*Thanks for your consideration.*

*Doug Smock  
50 Ocean Avenue  
North Weymouth, MA*

Chairman Clarke asked Marc Schneider to look into this and report back to the commission.

## **BUDGET**

Mr. Schneider stated no extra funding to the budget; possible to look to target mitigation or free cash.

## **WEYMOUTH 400 - update**

Chairman Clarke stated the first two lectures will be held on:

- Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7:00PM  
Town Transition from Representative Town Meeting to Mayor and Town Council form of Government

A panel discussion with moderator and special guests:

Weymouth's Honorable Mayors David Madden, Susan Kay and Robert Hedlund  
Weymouth Town Hall – Council Chambers  
75 Middle Street, East Weymouth

- Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 7:00PM  
History of the Weymouth Naval Air Station

Speaker: Marc Frattasio

Fairing Way Meeting Room  
25 Stonehaven Drive, South Weymouth (Union Point)

Chairman Clarke stated there will be two more meetings in the fall; a history of schools in the 20th century and war experiences of Weymouth in the same timeframe.

**CHET KEVITT AWARD CRITERIA:**

Chairman Clarke read into the record the wording of the Chet Kevitt Award announcement as follows:

*Chet Kevitt served for many years as president of the Weymouth Historical Commission and as president of the Weymouth Historical Society. To honor his memory and encourage similar commitment, the Commission created an award to a person or persons who has made an outstanding contribution to the preservation of Weymouth's heritage or the understanding of its history. The recipient need not reside in Weymouth, and should not currently serve on the Commission. The names of the honorees shall be displayed in the Historical Room of the Tufts Library.*

Discussion.

Mr. Mark Schneider asked who chooses the winner of the contest and does the commission want to let the public submit nominations?

Mr. Murphy wanted the nomination in writing, less than a 200 word essay.

Ms. Torrey said the decision of winner shall be the commissions.

Mr. Walker stated Chet Kevitt was the founding member of the Historical Commission and the Chairman.

Mr. Eric Schneider stated the awarding can be done at a town event.

Mr. Murphy asked the commission can the winner win more than once.

Ms. Torrey nominee must have contributed to a project, written a book, etc.

Mr. Murphy suggested making a list of past winners of Chet Kevitt Award on website.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **HOUSE SIGN**

Ms. Torrey suggested she would like to see more than a date; possibly a name and a town seal.

Chairman Clarke stated put together for next meeting and he will put it on the agenda for next month.

Mr. Eric Schneider asked where Hingham gets their signs done. Ms. Torrey stated she will find out and get back to the committee. Eric said that the town seal adds a lot to the cost of the sign.

### **OPEN SEAT ON THE COMMISSION**

Mr. Schneider asked if there is an open seat on the commission; answer yes.

### **SIGNS**

Mr. Walker suggested fixing the sign entering Weymouth to read:

Wessagusset 1622

Weymouth 1635

Mr. Mark Schneider will draft a letter to Mayor Hedlund to ask him to revise the dates on signs entering Town of Weymouth to: Wessagusset 1622/ Weymouth 1635.

Ms. Torrey stated she will make a MOTION to APPROVE the above referenced letter be sent to the mayor. Mr. Walker SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Murphy asked if a marker is put up in the town, who puts it up? Chairman Clarke stated the Memorial Committee is in charge of markers being placed.

Mr. Eric Schneider stated there is a new motion going out for benches/trees/markers for memorials to the Memorial Committee.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meetings of the Historical Commission will be held on May 21, 2019. Mr. Schneider will check and see if the Fogg Library is available for this evening.

### **REMEMBER ABIGAIL**

Ms. Torrey stated this Saturday, Household Gods the religion of the Adams Family. She will be speaking this Saturday. The event is free and open to the public. Event will take place at the Church of the Presidents in Quincy.

### **DEMO DELAY LIST FOR TOWN OF WEYMOUTH**

Chairman Clarke had some edits for the list:

- Change last line
- Delete Jim Clarke's name
- Undo bold type

Mr. Schneider will call the Building Department to see if they have a list of "annual list of demo buildings" each year since 2003.

Mr. Walker will go see Town Clerk to see if she has cards with pictures of buildings to be demolished and information about said buildings.

Mr. Schneider asked can this be an annual thing to look at this list.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Schneider made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 8:30PM. Ms. Torrey SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Malloy  
Recording Secretary

Approve

  
James Clarke, Chairman

Dated:

11/16/20